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In re Application of:)) : Examiner: Unassigned) : Group Art Unit: Unassigned)
SHIGERU MIZOGUCHI, ET AL.)	
Application No.: Unassigned)	
Filed: June 30, 2003)	
For: IMAGE AREA EXTRACTION METHOD, IMAGE RECONSTRUCTION METHOD USING THE EXTRACTION RESULT AND APPARATUS THEREOF	;) ;)	June 30, 2003
AND AFFARATUS THEREOF)	June 30, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

Patent No.	Country	Publication Date
8-161497	Japan	June 21, 1996
2000-048036	Japan	February 18, 2000
11-238067	Japan	August 31, 1999

REMARKS

The above-listed Japanese patent documents are identified at pages 2 and 3 of the specification, and are believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. English translations of the Japanese patent documents are not readily available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. The Nakano '727 patent is listed as being in the same patent family as the JP '497 patent document; the Sato '307 patent is listed as being in the same patent family as the JP '036 patent document. An English abstract obtained from a commercial data base also is provided for each of the Japanese patent documents as an English language statement of relevance.

FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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ATTY DOCKET NO. APPLICATION NO. FORM PTO 1449 (modified) 00862.023115 Unassigned U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE APPLICANT SHIGERU MIZOGUCHI, ET AL. LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if necessary) **GROUP** FILING DATE June 30, 2003 June 30, 2003 Unassigned U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS *EXAMINER INITIAL DOCUMENT NUMBER FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE DATE NAME CLASS **SUBCLASS** 5,805,727 9/8/1998 Nakano 382 195 6,532,307 3/11/2003 Sato 382 240 FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT DOCUMENT NUMBER DATE COUNTRY CLASS **SUBCLASS** 6/21/1996 **JAPAN** ABST. 8-161497 2000-048036 2/18/2000 **JAPAN** ABST. 11-238067 8/31/1999 **JAPAN** ABST. OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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